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NATIONAL POLICY ON COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised any National Policy on Cooperatives;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which the policy is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): The Government is finalising the National Policy on Cooperatives inconsultation with the State Governments. The major thrust of the National Policy is to give greater functional autonomy to cooperatives, professionalisation of the management, democratic functioning and financial independence of cooperatives with a view to ensuring their greater viability and efficiency. The Government role will be restricted to mainly timely holding of elections, conduct of audit etc.

(c): The Policy is in an advanced stage of formulation and as such no time-frame can be given at this stage.